

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2009**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2009 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Vice-Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
R. Brennan
D. Newman
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

Not Present

N. Bodick
R. Miller
G. Montano
R. Post
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2009 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Winters seconded. Mr. Newman questioned the Director's Report "...The Housatonic mooring field is filled. About 6% are unsold." The two sentences should be reversed. Motion carried unanimously to accept the minutes with the correction stated above.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – The Lobster Bake weekend was a success. Oyster Festival weekend ran smoothly at the marina. The boating season has been successful even with the weather. There has been a pick up in mid-week traffic.

Public Works is painting the pedestrian bridge. They worked late several days last week. It should be done in about 1½ weeks.

Mr. Wincapaw has finished the retrofit and the final inspection will be held soon.

The letter to the Board of Alderman regarding the Naval Academy visit has not been written.

Mr. Beard asked about the bulkhead erosion. Mr. Swift spoke to Mr. Ray Macaluso, city consultant with the firm Westcott and Mapes. Mr. Macaluso's recommendation is to scrape off any loose paint and repaint it. Cosmetically this will help but it will not extend the given lifespan of the bulkhead. Mr. Swift will undertake to do the painting in September and/or October when things slow down at the marina. Carlson Rigging moved one of the extra floats to the bulkhead side for this purpose.

Mr. Beard asked how the patio revenue is going. Mr. Swift replied that no revenue has been collected because the City of Milford has made it so difficult to get paperwork that he has waived the fee. Mr. Beard wanted to know why the Landing is using the city insurance requirements if we are an enterprise fund. Mr. Winters had heard that the state suggested new insurance requirements for municipalities because of liabilities. Mr. Beard asked where the line is drawn between paying customers using the patio vs. outside customers. Mr. Swift pointed out that that the season is good because of rendezvous groups. He has not been encouraging or soliciting use of the tented patio during the summer weekends by outside groups so boating groups can use it when they come in. Mr. Swift would rather encourage more boating groups to come to the marina rather than receive extra revenue from renting out the tent area. Service groups, e.g. Rotary, Masons, etc., use the patio for free upon request and dependent

upon availability. Discussion took place regarding who is monitoring the groups when an event is being held. Mr. Swift stated that the dockhands are only in charge of the restrooms and garbage. If any emergency arises, the dockhands are to call Mr. Swift. Mr. Beard thinks more eyes and ears are needed when an event is going on. The question is who should monitor the event. Mr. Waterman pointed out that the yacht club commodores and/or fleet captains are with the boating groups when they came in and would take care of any situation that might arise since they don't want their club to get a bad reputation. Mr. Brennan wanted to see the fine print on the registration forms that people sign when they stay at the marina. Copies were passed out for review and the discussion is to continue at the September meeting.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Lor Cubbison hit a couple of snags in getting his vessel insurance. He is required to take 8 hours of driving instruction/class in order to get a drivers license. He also needs a physical mailing address – not a post office box. He is still working on these.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – looks great. The marina was full and busy on Oyster Festival weekend.

Finance - Fund balance as of 07/31/09 was \$289,333.93 in savings and \$73,101.89 in checking for a total of \$362,435.82. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring – no report

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – None

Old Business – No meeting has been held regarding the Wepawaug Ponds dredging.
The mooring field retrofit is awaiting inspection.

New Business – Mr. Newman questioned the speed buoys and whether they'd moved. Mr. Swift stated that they hadn't.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary